

ABSTRACT

RESERVATION SYSTEM

5 There is disclosed a system for making reservations, in
 which the system includes a central on-line reservation
 provider through which reservations for one or more
 individual service providers may be made, one or more
10 individual service providers through which reservations
 for the respective individual service providers may be
 made directly, and means for communicating between the
 central reservation provider and the respective
 individual service providers, wherein a first portion of
15 the available reservations from each individual service
 provider are held by the central reservation provider
 and a second portion of the available reservations from
 each individual service provider are held by each
 respective individual service provider and, if a
20 reservation requested from either the central
 reservation provider or an individual service provider
 is not available from that provider, available
 reservations are transferred from the other of the
 central reservation provider or the individual service
25 provider to the central reservation provider or the
 individual service provider via the means for
 communicating so as to allow a reservation to be made.